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SUBJ: BYELORUSSIAN CANDIDACY FOR EE SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT

REF: USUN 1732

1. FYI. WHILE WE CONCUR WITH CONCLUSION REFTTEL, DEPT HAS ALWAYS HAD RESERVATIONS RE ELECTION EITHER UKRAINE OR BYELORUSSIA TO MAJOR UN BODIES. NEITHER IS SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENT STATE IN GENERALLY ACCEPTED SENSE AND THEIR ELECTION TO MAJOR UN BODIES ONLY SERVES EMPHASIZE ANOMALY OF THREE- VOTE ADVANTAGE USSR APPEARS HAVE IN UN THROUGH SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP OF THESE TWO CONSTITUENT SOVIET REPUBLICS. ADMITTEDLY THIS ADVANTAGE IS MORE APPARENT THAN REAL, PARTICULARLY IN SC WHERE THERE ONLY 1 EE SEAT AND OCCUPANT THAT SEAT PRACTICALLY ALWAYS VOTES WITH USSR IN CRUNCH, BUT APPARENT ADVANTAGE IS THAT MOST LIKELY BE PERCEIVED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND GENERAL PUBLIC AND THUS FURTHER DETRACT FROM UN' S PRESTIGE. WE RECOGNIZE PRACTICE AMONG UN MEMBERS GENERALLY OF ACCEPTING REGIONAL

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CHOICE FOR ELECTION TO SEATS ALLOCATED THAT REGION TOO WELL ESTABLISHED TO BE EFFECTIVELY CHALLENGED IN CASE BYELORUSSIAN CANDIDACY BUT IT DOES NOT FOLLOW THAT WE NEED SUPPORT BYELORUSSIAN CANDIDACY. THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE SINCE CONTESTED SC ELECTION UNKNOWN IN RECENT YEARS EXCEPT WHERE REGION CONCERNED HAS BEEN UNABLE DECIDE ON REGIONAL CHOICE. MOREOVER, WE DO NOT NORMALLY GIVE COMMITMENTS OF SUPPORT FAR IN ADVANCE OF ACTUAL ELECTIONS AND HAVE SO FAR

GIVEN NONE WITH RESPECT SC ELECTIONS AT NEXT GA. AGAINST BACKGROUND OF VIGOROUS BUT UNSUCCESSFUL US EFFORTS PREVENT ELECTION OF UKRAINE TO SC IN 1948 AND IN ABSENCE ANY US MOVES AGAINST BYELORUSSIAN CANDIDACY, BOTH USSR AND CANDIDATE LIKELY INTERPRET OUR SILENCE ACCURATELY AS UNENTHUSIASTIC ACQUIESCENCE IN INEVITABLE. END FYI.

2. IN LIGHT ABOVE YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY RESPONSE TO BYELORUSSIAN OR SOVIET INQUIRIES, SIMPLY STATING THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY RESPONSE. IN REPLY TO INQUIRIES FROM FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS, YOU SHOULD SAY US IS NOT GIVING ANY REPLY TO REQUEST FOR SUPPORT. YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM GIVING ANY INDICATION HOW US WILL VOTE AND YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH ANY DELEGATION IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER. ROGERS

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